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WORKERS FIND ‘BUZZING’ SURPRISE ON DEADERICK JOBSITE

Queen and worker bees take up residence in sidewalk well

NASHVILLE, Tenn. – Workers preparing to install landscape planters on Deaderick Street discovered a queen bee and her workers had already claimed the site as their new home.

According to project inspectors, the bees – numbering between 750 and 1000 -- “just showed up” unexpectedly in a planter well on the north sidewalk of Deaderick between 5th and 6th Avenues. The foreman on the job found the bees when his crew, employees of Roy T. Goodwin & Company, began placing fabric in the planter well early Thursday morning.

A Public Works employee who’s also an amateur beekeeper speculates the queen either left or was ousted from her hive and was looking for another location with her worker bees. A Roy T. Goodwin employee who is a beekeeper removed the bees and has started a new hive.

The Deaderick Street Improvement Project includes new trees, green planting spaces, landscaping and upgraded street and pedestrian lighting, and will be completed later this year.

